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SUBJ: NIGER GOVERNMENT SEED PEANUT PURCHASES IN US

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1. OUR INFORMATION IS SOMEWHAT SHORT-CIRCUITED INASMUCH AS OUR SOURCE IS IN TOUCH WITH GILLIER.

2. OUR SOURCE POSITIVE MATERIAL INDUSTRIAL GRADE. GRANADEX S.A. KNOWN AS ITINERATE EXPORTER OF INDUSTRIAL OILSEED. SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE CERTIFY SOURCE OF ORIGIN ON PHYTOSANITAIRY CONDITION MATERIAL DESTINED NIGER.

3. WITHOUT SOURCE OF ORIGIN CERTIFICATE BY OFFICIAL CERTIFYING AGENCY, IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE PHENOTYPIC SEGREGATION FROM CERTAIN OTHER RUNNER TYPES, INCLUDING GEORGIA RUNNER.

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4. WE ADVISED BY KNOWLEDGABLE UNIVERSITY AGRONOMIST

FLO-RUNNER MATURES 125 (MINIMUM) TO 145 DAYS, WELL OUTSIDE
110-120 DAY SPAN REQUIRED NIGER.

5. INFORMED FURTHER THAT ADAPTIVE TRIALS CONDUCTED IN NIGER
OF WHICH SONARA PROBABLY FAMILIAR, FLO-RUNNER DEFINITELY
NOT ADAPTED.

6. WHILE CONCERNED EASUM TALKS TODAY, FACT REMAINS
CONTACT IS BETWEEN GON AND A PRIVATE ENTITY. SHOULD GON
DESIRE INTERVENTION BY PROFESSOR NORDEN, REF A, APPEARS
THEY SHOULD ACT THROUGH GON EMBASSY. WE INTEND DISCUSS
ENTIRE SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR DIALLO WHO APPARENTLY
RETURNING WASHINGTON 30 MARCH.

7. WE INFORMED GILLIER AND MERCER DUE TAMPA MARCH 29,
PRESUMABLY WITH AMPLE AUTHORITY TO INTERVENE.
URGENT THEY IN FACT HAVE THIS AUTHORITY, AND YOU SHOULD
SO ADVISE GON.

8. WHILE AVAILABILITY BAGGING FACILITIES LAGOS MIGHT
BEST BE DETERMINED VIA COMMERCIAL FORWARDING AND RECEIVING
AGENTS, APPEARS STATESIDE BAGGING WOULD GREATLY OFFSET
DEMURRAGE IN LAGOS HARBOR.

9. OF 2200 TONS PURCHASED FEBRUARY, APPROXIMATELY 1500
TONS SCHEDULED SHIPMENT APRIL 7, ON SPACE EVIDENTLY
BOOKED BY SONARA AGENT; REMAINDER AWAITS CARGO SPACE.

10. OF 5000 ADDITIONAL TONS CERTIFIED SEED IDENTIFIED
BY KEEL AND CONWAY IN FEBRUARY, AND NOT RESERVED BY
SONARA, 1600 REMAIN AVAILABLE. KISSINGER

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